

**MEETING REPORT  
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
April 9, 2020**

**Municipal Office, Morrisburg  
1:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cameron Morehouse (Community Emergency Management Coordinator), Mayor Steven Byvelds, Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner, Brenda Brunt, Shannon Geraghty, Jeff Hyndman, Sarah McMillan, Denis Villeneuve, Ethan Robert, Danielle Watson, Kalynn Helmer

**1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Dr. Paul Roumeliotis**

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided an update concerning COVID-19, stating that total infections have risen above 1.5 million, with over 90,000 deaths recorded globally. Ontario has 5276 cases and 174 deaths, with half of the number of deaths coming from long-term care facilities. He provided statistics assessing resources, available ventilators and ICU care beds within the area. He noted that the impacts of social distancing and quarantine orders are having their effect on the projections related to case numbers and deaths within Ontario. He provided further clarity concerning quarantine orders and social distancing measures, particularly concerning the upcoming Easter weekend holiday.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis noted that additional restrictions may be required to limit the impacts of COVID-19, including limiting groups to potentially 0-2 persons and increased closures for business. He noted that his office had received several calls regarding Quebec shoppers in Ontario, noting that Quebec has restricted crossings into Quebec, and that discussions were on-going concerning restricting crossings into Ontario. He noted that the priority moving forward is to expand contact tracing and testing capabilities. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis stated that there could be a shortage of PPE within the next two weeks across the province. He reviewed PPE use and effectiveness of masks in public spaces.

**2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

CEMC Morehouse provided an overview of the call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, noting impacts to South Dundas. Mayor Byvelds noted school closures have been extended to May 4, 2020. The Committee discussed the impacts of additional closures and social distancing measures, and related timelines.

CAO Geraghty provided an update regarding on-going discussions with MPP's and local authorities concerning Quebec shoppers in Ontario along the 401 corridor. He stated that public works staff would be returning to full staffing levels on April 20, 2020 as an operational plan has been established. He noted that the Ontario Street reconstruction project will proceed, indicating that correspondence

will be sent to area residents and all COVID-19 procedures related to construction will be in place.

Jeff Hyndman noted that area paving companies are still operational, noting no impact to the road program for 2020 at this point.

Danielle Watson noted that the landfill is closed to the public and is now available to local contractors on an appointment basis.

CEMC Morehouse noted that the Fire and Emergency Services was receiving a lower call volume than usual.

The following actions took place:

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Ontario Street Reconstruction	Committee discussed proceeding with the project.	Develop communications for area residents regarding Ontario Street Reconstruction.
3.	Next Meeting		TBD or Thursday after call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis.